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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO SHAH

FOR CHARGE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO SHAH:

QUOTE YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY: I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM
LENGTHY TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO IN GENEVA AND
PRIME MINISTER RABIN IN GERMANY AND WISH TO SHARE WITH YOU
THE MAIN IMPRESSIONS CONCERNING THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH I
GAINED FROM THOSE CONVERSATIONS. AS YOU WELL KNOW, I
GREATLY VALUE OUR EXCHANGES OF PERCEPTIONS AND WOULD WELCOME
ANY OBSERVATIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

SINCE OUR POLICY REASSESSMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN CONCLUDED,
THE MIDDLE EAST TALKS WITH GROMYKO WERE ESSENTIALLY AN
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION, AND NO CONCLU-

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SIONS WERE REACHED OR DECISIONS MADE. MR. GROMYKO RE-

ITERATED THE SOVIET POSITION ON THE DESIRABILITY OF CON-
VENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND PROCEEDING ON THE BASIS
OF JOINT US-SOVIET EFFORTS. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT,
WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF OUR CURRENT EXPLORATION OF THE
POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING ANOTHER MOVE IN THE STEP-BY-STEP
PROCESS, WE DO NOT VIEW THESE EFFORTS IN ISOLATION FROM THE
NEED TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT.
WE AGREED TO REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER IN THE WEEKS
IMMEDIATELY AHEAD WHEN THE RESULTS OF OUR CURRENT EFFORTS
AND OF OUR REASSESSMENT SHOULD BECOME CLEARER. THEREAFTER,
IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CRYSTALIZE OUR THOUGHTS, IN CON-
SULTATION WITH THE PARTIES, ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO MOVE
THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS FORWARD ON ALL FRONTS.

PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND I HAD A VERY INTENSIVE THREE
HOURS TOGETHER DISCUSSING NOT ONLY THE SUBSTANCE OF THE
NEXT INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT BUT ALSO THE COMPLEX
INTERRELATIONSHIPS OF THAT STEP, THE SYRIAN PROBLEM, THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE AND A NUMBER OF BILATERAL ISSUES.
HOWEVER, WHILE SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE, THE ISRAELI POSITION
ON THE SINAI WITHDRAWAL STILL FELL SHORT OF WHAT, IN OUR
JUDGMENT, WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PRODUCE AN AGREEMENT.
PRIME MINISTER RABIN AGREED TO PRESENT TO HIS CABINET A
NUMBER OF IDEAS WHICH DEVELOPED IN OUR TALKS. I WOULD
HOPE TO HAVE WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO A CLEARER
IMPRESSION OF WHETHER A NEW STEP TOWARD PEACE IS POSSIBLE
AND SHALL KEEP YOU INFORMED. WITH WARM, PERSONAL REGARDS,
HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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